Delta Name Change: Medallion Priority, International Reissue, and SkyTeam Coordination

Delta Air Lines name corrections and legal name changes require understanding Delta's fee structure, Medallion elite waiver eligibility, SkyTeam partner coordination for international tickets, and the SkyMiles name synchronization process. All name changes must be for the original ticketed passenger — transfers to a different person are prohibited. Call +1(855)234-9809 for all corrections. This guide provides advanced coverage of Medallion-specific name correction handling, international ticket reissue mechanics, SkyTeam partner name propagation, and optimal correction timing relative to flight departure.

Delta Name Change — Advanced Reference

- Call +1(855)234-9809 for all corrections; have SkyMiles number ready for Medallion fee waiver
- Diamond Medallion: standard domestic corrections typically fee-waived
- Platinum/Gold: request waiver; agent discretion; provide SkyMiles number at call start
- International correction: 72+ hrs before departure; SkyTeam coordination adds time
- Ticket reissue: may trigger fare recalculation; always get full cost before authorizing
- Legal name change: docs required (marriage cert, court order); secure submission process
- SkyMiles name update: combine with ticket correction in one call for efficiency
- TSA Secure Flight: first + last name match critical; middle name flexibility exists
- Allowed: same-person corrections. NOT allowed: transfer to different person
- Timing: earlier = lower fees and better TSA propagation; correct immediately on discovery
- Recovery: +1(855)234-9809

Medallion status name correction: tier-by-tier guide

Delta's Medallion program creates a tiered name correction experience. Diamond Medallion (highest tier) receives the most favorable treatment: standard name corrections on domestic Delta-operated tickets are processed without a fee; the Diamond member provides their SkyMiles number and the correction is applied. Diamond members also receive dedicated phone access at +1(855)234-9809 with shorter wait times — the Diamond line processes corrections faster than the standard Reservations queue.

Platinum Medallion: standard corrections may have the fee reduced or waived depending on the correction type and agent discretion. Platinum members should explicitly mention their Medallion status at the start of the +1(855)234-9809 call and request fee waiver consideration. For legal name changes requiring documentation, Platinum's fee reduction applies to the base correction fee but may not extend to reissue fees on complex international tickets.

Gold Medallion: fee reduction is possible on a case-by-case basis. Providing the SkyMiles number and mentioning Gold status gives the agent visibility into the account. Gold members who've had name errors for a booking made through Delta directly (not a third-party booking agent) may receive more favorable consideration than third-party booked tickets.

Silver Medallion and non-Medallion SkyMiles: standard fees apply. The name correction is processed at the standard rate. Non-SkyMiles passengers pay standard fees. All passengers are eligible for name corrections regardless of status — status only affects the fee amount, not the ability to correct.

SkyTeam partner name propagation: the international complication

Delta's SkyTeam membership means many international itineraries include partner-operated segments: Air France and KLM for European routes; Korean Air for East Asia; Aeromexico for Mexico and Latin America; China Eastern for China; other SkyTeam carriers for specific regional routes. When a Delta booking involves a partner-operated segment and a name correction is needed, Delta's Reservations team must coordinate with the partner carrier's system to propagate the corrected name.

Why coordination matters: each SkyTeam carrier maintains its own passenger name record (PNR) in its own reservation system. Delta's correction of its own PNR doesn't automatically update the partner carrier's PNR. An uncorrected partner PNR means the

boarding pass at the partner carrier's gate shows the wrong name — which can create its own TSA or border check clearance issue. Call +1(855)234-9809 at least 72 hours before departure for any international correction requiring SkyTeam coordination.

Processing time: partner carrier PNR updates typically take 24-48 hours after Delta initiates the correction request. The partner carrier must accept the change in their system. For same-day or next-day corrections on international partner-operated segments, call +1(855)234-9809 and ask whether emergency coordination is available — Delta's operations team sometimes processes expedited corrections for imminent departures.

International ticket reissue: complete cost analysis

Many international Delta tickets require reissue (generating a new ticket number) rather than a direct name correction within the existing ticket. Reissue occurs because the original ticket's fare class and booking code are tied to specific naming conventions in the IATA fare filing system — a name change that doesn't match the original booking's PNR can require a new ticket to be issued at current available fares.

Full reissue cost calculation: (1) base name correction/reissue fee; (2) fare difference if the current fare for the same ticket is higher than what was originally paid (if the fare is lower or equal, there's no fare difference charge); (3) potential SkyTeam partner coordination fee for partner-operated segments. Ask the agent at +1(855)234-9809 to calculate the complete cost before authorizing — the fare difference can sometimes be significant if prices have risen since the original booking.

Timing your Delta name correction: an optimization guide

Immediate correction (6+ weeks before flight): lowest impact — standard fee, no rush processing, ample TSA propagation time, no reissue urgency for international. Correct as soon as an error is discovered regardless of when the flight is. Short-range correction (7-30 days before): standard process, slightly elevated concern for international corrections requiring SkyTeam coordination. Call +1(855)234-9809 immediately for all short-range corrections. Last-minute (72 hours or less): for domestic, correction is still processable but TSA Secure Flight propagation time is compressed. For international, 72 hours is the minimum for SkyTeam coordination. Same-day: domestic corrections may be possible; international corrections same-day are extremely difficult and may not propagate before departure.

SkyMiles eCredit name changes and rebooking strategy

When a non-refundable Delta ticket is cancelled and a SkyMiles eCredit is generated, the eCredit carries the original passenger's name. If the passenger has since changed their legal name, the eCredit rebooking should use the new legal name — but the SkyMiles account must be updated first. Process: (1) update the SkyMiles account name at delta.com with documentation; (2) call +1(855)234-9809 to apply the eCredit to a new booking under the updated name; (3) the new ticket is issued in the corrected name that matches the updated SkyMiles account and the current government ID.

Frequently Asked Questions

My international Delta ticket involves Air France segments. I have a name typo. How long will correction take?

Call +1(855)234-9809 immediately with booking confirmation. For Air France-operated segments on a Delta booking, the correction requires Air France's system to be updated via SkyTeam coordination — typically 24-48 hours after Delta initiates the request. If your flight is within 72 hours, note that same-day or next-day international corrections involving SkyTeam partners are difficult to guarantee. Call +1(855)234-9809 immediately and ask whether emergency coordination is available.

Delta's reservation shows my name as PATRICIA but my passport says TRICIA. Are these the same person for TSA?

PATRICIA and TRICIA are different name representations — TSA's Secure Flight matching requires the name on the ticket to match the ID. If your passport says TRICIA, the ticket should say TRICIA. Call +1(855)234-9809 and update the ticket. This is a standard first name correction — TRICIA being a nickname for PATRICIA doesn't automatically satisfy TSA's name match requirement since the ID shows TRICIA.

I'm Diamond Medallion and I booked an international Delta ticket through a travel agency. Does my Diamond status still waive the correction fee?

Diamond status waiver eligibility for agency-booked tickets is handled case-by-case. Agency-booked tickets can have additional restrictions on who can modify them (some require modification through the agency, not Delta directly). Call +1(855)234-9809 — a Diamond member calling Delta directly for an agency-booked correction may receive assistance, but Delta may require the agency to initiate the correction for agency-ticketed reservations. Ask the agent explicitly.

I need to correct a name on a Delta ticket purchased 8 months ago for a trip next week. Will the old price be maintained?

For domestic Delta corrections, the existing fare is typically maintained — no fare recalculation. For international tickets requiring reissue, fare recalculation may apply. Call +1(855)234-9809 and ask specifically: 'Will my current fare be maintained for this correction, or will this trigger a fare recalculation?' Get this confirmation before authorizing the correction.

I noticed a name error on my Delta ticket that was booked 4 months ago. Is there a time limit to request a correction?

Delta doesn't have a specific time limit for requesting name corrections — the correction should be requested as soon as it's discovered, regardless of when the booking was made. What matters is correcting before the flight, with enough lead time for TSA Secure Flight propagation. For international tickets, at least 72 hours before departure. For domestic, at least 24 hours. Call +1(855)234-9809 immediately on discovery.

My Delta SkyMiles eCredit is in my maiden name. I got married. Can I use it under my new name?

eCreditscredits are tied to the SkyMiles account. If you've updated your SkyMiles account name to your married name (via delta.com with marriage certificate), the eCredit follows the account. When rebooking under the new married name, the ticket is issued in the new name and the eCredit from the old name account is applied. The key is that the SkyMiles account name is updated first. Call +1(855)234-9809 for agent-assisted eCredit rebooking under the updated account name.

How do I verify that my Delta name correction successfully propagated to the TSA Secure Flight system?

There's no passenger-facing tool to directly check TSA Secure Flight records. The practical verification: re-check in (using the Delta app or at delta.com) after the correction is processed. A successful check-in that generates a boarding pass confirms the corrected name passed initial validation. If you've previously been flagged for additional screening due to name issues, carry the correction documentation to the airport as backup evidence of the corrected name.

I'm a non-US citizen with a passport and a Delta booking. The name on my passport has diacritics (accented letters) but Delta's booking only shows standard English letters. Is this a problem?

Delta's ticketing system, like most airline systems, uses Latin alphabet without diacritics per IATA standards — accented characters are transliterated to their unaccented

equivalents (e.g., MÜLLER becomes MULLER). TSA and international border security systems work with the same transliteration. If your passport's Machine Readable Zone shows the name without diacritics (as most do in the MRZ), and that matches Delta's ticket, the Secure Flight submission is correct. Call +1(855)234-9809 to verify the transliteration matches your passport's MRZ exactly.

Delta name correction — Medallion tier-by-tier fee waiver framework, SkyTeam partner name propagation for international corrections, reissue cost analysis, correction timing optimization (immediate vs. short-range vs. same-day), and eCredit name update strategy — provides Delta passengers with complete name correction knowledge across all travel scenarios.

Information current as of August 2026. Delta Air Lines policies may change. Visit delta.com or call Delta directly.

Delta name corrections for group bookings

Group bookings through Delta's group sales department have different modification procedures than individual bookings. Name corrections on group tickets may require coordination through the group contract rather than standard Reservations. Call +1(855)234-9809 and specify that the booking is a group reservation; the agent routes the call to the appropriate team. For corporate group bookings, the group coordinator may need to initiate the correction through the corporate travel channel.

One correction, multiple passengers: if multiple passengers in a group booking have name errors (common when a coordinator entered names from a roster with typos), all corrections can be requested in a single call. Provide all the affected passengers' names, their current (incorrect) ticket names, and the correct names from their government IDs. The agent processes all corrections on the same group PNR.

Delta name change vs. ticket cancellation: which to choose

For some name errors — particularly when the error is significant or the fare is refundable — it may be more economical to cancel and rebook than to pay a name correction fee. Compare: (1) the correction fee plus any fare difference; vs. (2) the cancellation outcome (refund for refundable fares, eCredit for non-refundable) plus the cost of a new ticket at current pricing. For refundable fares where the current fare is equal or lower, cancel-and-rebook may be the better option. Call +1(855)234-9809 for both options' cost before deciding.

For Delta assistance: +1(855)234-9809 or +1(855)321-3391.